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MEET IT BRAVELY.

It is with great regret that the announcement is made that two cases of black or bubonic plague have been discovered in the city, one in Wing Wo Tai's store in Nuuanu street, which has proved fatal and another not yet fatal, in Maunakea street, while another yet is suspected.

Before making any inquiry into how the dread disease has managed to gain a foothold, the first step to be taken, and it has been taken, is to quarantine the places where it has been discovered, the next step, and this has already been initiated, though it will be more strenuously carried out as the day goes on, will be a thorough cleansing of the city. The Board of Health may be relied upon for taking stringent measures and in a case of this kind there will be plenty of volunteers ready to give every assistance in their power.

Though there will assuredly be great alarm in many homes, the Europeans and Americans and all those who have homes and good wholesome food need have no fear. In Bombay presidency where the deaths among the native population amounted to 400 a week, not a single case occurred among the European population. The papers sometimes stated that a European had been attacked, but investigation in all such cases proved that the person attacked was a Eurasian, that is a mixed breed, who like to count themselves as Europeans.

The main thing for everyone to do is to cultivate cleanliness. Not only cleanliness in their own houses, but cleanliness in those of their neighbors. The Board of Health has ample authority in such matters, and the Board of Health should be loyally supported. We stamped out cholera in 1895, and we should be able to do as well now with the plague. We have cleansed the city once, we must thoroughly cleanse it again. Bubonic plague is a filthy disease free air and sunshine, and the destruction of festering rubbish by fire will wage a successful battle against it. District the town—call for volunteers—establish a strict quarantine and the snake may be throttled in its infancy. Action should be quick and rapid. A moment now may be worth weeks later on. Above all let the authorities be firm no matter whose ox is gored.

The condition of the roads is very bad. The streets of the city have been so cut up by sewer work and track laying that the slightest shower turns them into a series of mud puddles interspersed with a pasty mess that clings to one's boot soles and is hugely unpleasant.

The pure food battle in Hawaii seems to be dragging along slowly. Professor Chittenden of Yale, in his evidence before the Senate committee which is investigating the adulteration of food, insists that oleomargarine and similar products should be labelled and sold for what they are. This is what should be done here, if the law were efficiently carried out. But another suggestion is also made, and that is that the real article should be labelled also. Under such a requirement if a dealer sold spurious goods he would not only be proceeded against for selling an imitation contrary to law, but also for obtaining the money of his customers by false pretences. If all dealers in food products were made to label them all, whether pure or imitation there could be no doubt as to methods of procedure in a case of cheating.

IT ANSWERS WELL.

The effect of the gold standard upon Japanese trade is brought forth in replies addressed by one of the Japanese Chambers of Commerce to the Japanese Consul in New York. The Chamber inquired:

1.—"Has there been any feeling on the New York market against our country on account of its adoption of the gold standard?"

Answer—"The export trade from New York to Japan is showing signs of development year after year; and these signs were especially marked last year. Though such advance of trade is not wholly attributable to the adoption of the gold system at home, yet it is noticeable that the export merchants at New York are greatly benefited in the transaction of business, for there has been no serious change on one side or the other since Japan adopted the gold system."

2.—"Did the adoption of the gold standard in Japan tell disadvantageously upon export business from Japan to New York?"

Answer—"No; not at all. Owing to the stoppage of fluctuation in exchange, all the principal articles of merchandise, such as raw silk, tea, etc., entering New York from Japan are maintaining a most advantageous position in the field of competition against the products coming from China."

There is a practical illustration in this as to the value of a gold standard. With gold there was a stop put to the fluctuations in exchange. With a silver basis no one can predicate what exchange in China might be. The United States is fortunate that it escaped the silver standard which would surely have caused a financial crash long ere this. The present prosperity would have been a dream to wish for, and not a reality which has brought plenty into hundreds of thousands of homes.

THE HOODLUM QUESTION.

The question of how to deal with the wharf rats and other hoodlums of the city is a serious one, though few people seem to give the matter much thought. The Star pointed out yesterday the location of three gangs, other than the wharf rat gang, and it would be well if they could be broken up. It is not lack of education that is to be complained of in these boys. Of the eleven arrested on the wharf a week ago, all could read and write and all could talk English. Each boy had been to school. It was found that the boys were able to keep accounts, for they had a banker, who took charge of the funds and issued and charged up money for their meals and other expenses.

Education, though excellent in itself, is not the panacea for all social ills. Forty or fifty years ago it used to be thought so, but experience has proved that education is by no means necessarily a safeguard from criminality. In point of fact education has frequently made only the smoother rogue and the more accomplished villain. But this does not prove that education is faulty, it only proves that bad material may be polished, but it remains bad material. A paste diamond, however much it may glitter, remains a paste diamond it can never pass for a real stone.

We do, however, require some safeguard against these youths and boys sinking into lower depths. At present it is idleness, gambling, and may be some pilfering. Later it will develop into crime of deeper dye, into burglary, highway robbery and mayhap into homicide. There is doubt about the easy grade downward of such boys, and with the development of the male hoodlum will come the development of the female hoodlum and the eventual perpetuation of criminal families costing the State untold amounts.

It was not so long ago that a gang of hoodlums used to regularly collect in Palama, a perfect nuisance to the neighborhood, and their rough horse play resulted one night in a stabling affray which brought one lad to death's door and landed another in jail.

It is easy, however, to point out the evils, it is very much more difficult to point out the remedy. Good work in the direction is done by the Salvation Army, the members of which understand how to work in the slums, and do not attempt conversion from the point of view of the broad cloth coat, the plug hat and the morning Sunday school. The latter are excellent in their place, but they do not attract the hoodlum or the wharf rat. Some others have worked in this direction also, and have a measure of success.

But what is needed is to try and remove the young hoodlum from his surroundings, and for this an Industrial School is urgently needed. There should be one for boys and one for girls and the work in them should be reformatory and not punitive. It is to raise and not to degrade that we must strive after. There will be a certain percentage saved and made good and useful members of the community, and there will be another percentage, it is to be hoped a very small one, which will prove hopeless and graduate from the Industrial School into the jail. But if we set the bulk of this class on the road to industry and independence, we shall have accomplished a good work for the future of the Territory.

Meantime it is a fact that the eleven little wharf rats, after five days punishment breaking stones have returned to their old companions, and are starting out on their gambling, idling and pilfering career once more.

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NOTICE.

To All to Whom It May Concern, Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 16th day of December, A. D. 1899, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, I will sell or cause to be sold at public auction all the goods, wares and merchandise, tools and other personal property mentioned and set out in a certain bill of sale or chattel mortgage, bearing date the 5th day of January, A. D. 1898, made between Charles J. Fanuef, of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, blacksmith, deceased mortgagor, and myself, the undersigned, Peter A. Becker, mortgagee.

That the said Charles J. Fanuef in and by said chattel mortgage having agreed to pay me or my assigns the sum of one hundred and sixty five (\$165) dollars with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum on or before the 6th day of January, A. D. 1899.

But the said Charles J. Fanuef failed and neglected to pay the same or any part thereof, said sale will therefore take place and the property mentioned in the said bill of sale will be sold because of default of the payment of the principal and interest secured in and by said chattel mortgage.

Said property is in my possession and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at my premises.

Dated, Honolulu, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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CHARLES H. ATHERTON,
 Secretary H. R. T. & L. Co.
 Honolulu, December 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., held this day, the following officers and directors to vacancies, were elected to serve for the unexpired term:

John Ena—President, vice W. B. Godfrey, resigned.
 James L. McLean—Vice-President, vice J. Ena, elected President.
 Norman E. Gedge—Treasurer, vice J. L. McLean, elected Vice-President.
 W. B. Godfrey—Director.

NORMAN E. GEDGE,
 Secretary.

Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 13, 1899.

NOTICE

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MR. JOHN S. WALKER will continue to be associated with the business of the above named companies.

R. C. MEDCRAFT,
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Honolulu, December 1, 1899.

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